





Blended Learning: Energizing the Education-Industry Partnership in Tourism and Hospitality Studies

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Current Issues

- A new normal in higher education?
- Combines both online and face-to-face (F2F) learning methods
- Blended learning could:
 - Engaging students in an active learning mode
 - Provide more flexibility on when/where students choose to learn
 - Allow the use of current pedagogical strategies to enhance learning experiences
 - ✓ Engaging students in the active construction of knowledge







Blended Learning

- Capitalizes on the resources of educational technology
- Extends teaching beyond the boundaries of the classroom
- Not limited to distance-learning; can be resident-based course at the:
 - > Lesson Level
 - Subject Level
 - Program Level
 - > Unit Level

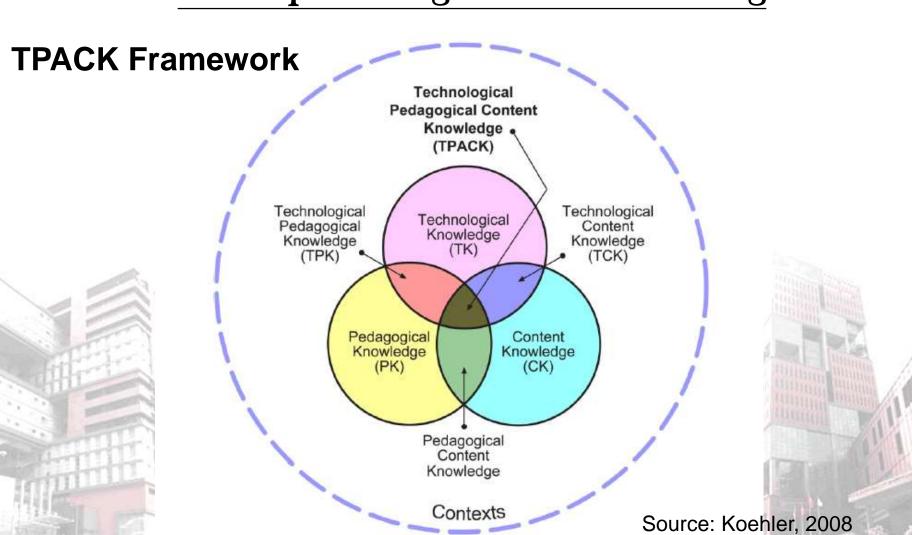








Conceptualizing Blended Learning









Tourism and Hospitality Studies (THS)

A popular subject/program in Hong Kong

- Secondary-School curriculum
 - THS is the most popular elective subjects in new senior secondary schools curriculum
 - 180 secondary schools launch this subject
 - 15,500 students intakes annually (\$4-\$6)
 - 5,000 students join the HKDSE each year
- Applied Learning
 - Food & Beverage Operations
 - Event Coordination and Planning
 - Hotel Operations
- Project Yi-Jin / Certificates
- Foundation Diploma
- Associate Degree / Higher Diploma / Advance Diploma
- Undergraduate Degree
- Postgraduate Degree







Missing Link

- Current Industry-Education partnership includes:
 - Guest Talk (e.g., Professor a day)
 - Site inspection (e.g., hotel visit/stay, back of the house field visits)
 - Career Talk / Career Day
 - Internship
 - Mentorship program
 - Scholarship / Award
 - External Advisors / Examiners
- However, much of the above contacts might not be able to be fully and effectively integrated into the intended learning outcomes.







Operationalizing Blended Learning

Selecting Technologies:

- Desired Learning Outcomes (What?)
- Rationale (Why?)
- Relevant Activities (How?)
- Potential Uses of Technology









My Experience

Video Case #①

Industry partner:
General Manager of
Lotus Tours Ltd

Topic: Travel Dis-intermediation

Intended learning
outcome: describe
the different types of
tour operations and
travel agents

Video Case #2

Industry partner:
Senior Sales Manager
of Travelport

Topic: Working skills/attitudes in the travel & tourism industry

Intended learning
outcome: outline the
procedures & right
attitude when dealing
with clients

Video Case #3

Industry partner:
Senior Director of
TLX Travel Hong Kong

Topic: Corporate Travel Agency

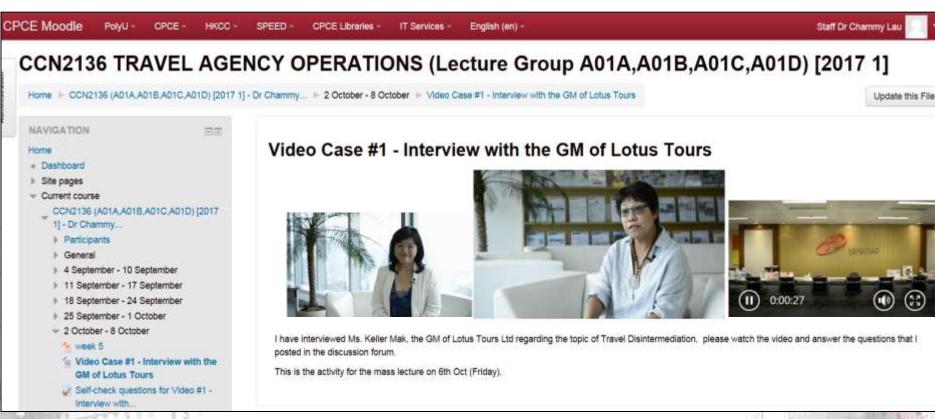
Intended learning
outcome: apply
industrial practices
with respect to the
local environment







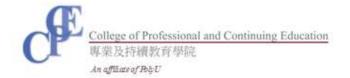
Video Case #①













Video Case #①



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	in the video, Keller has mentioned that "If you cannot beat them, join them". Who are 'them' that Keller refers to? <u>Hints:</u> Airlines / Hotel / Travel agency / Tour Operator or the rapid development of information technology?					
	What strategies that Lotus Tours has adopted in order to tackle the challenges of travel disintermediation?					







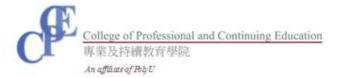
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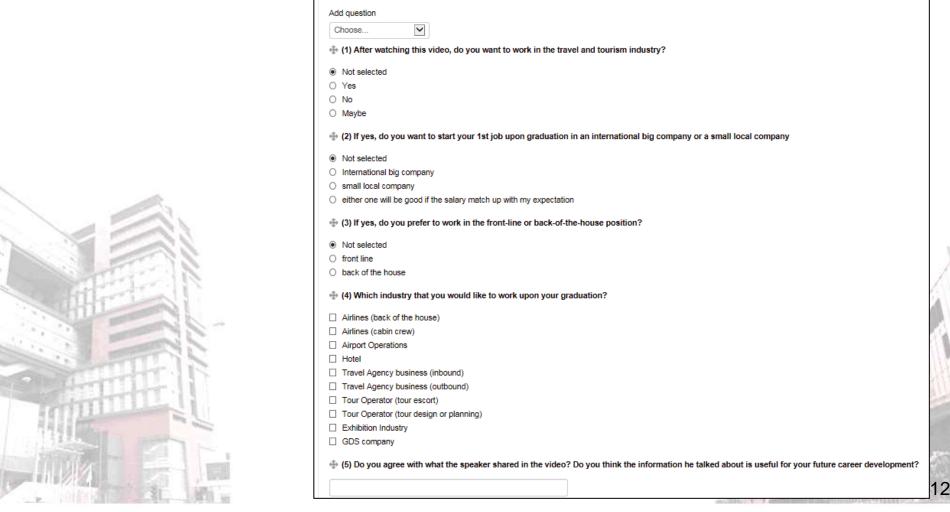


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Learning Activity for Video Case #2

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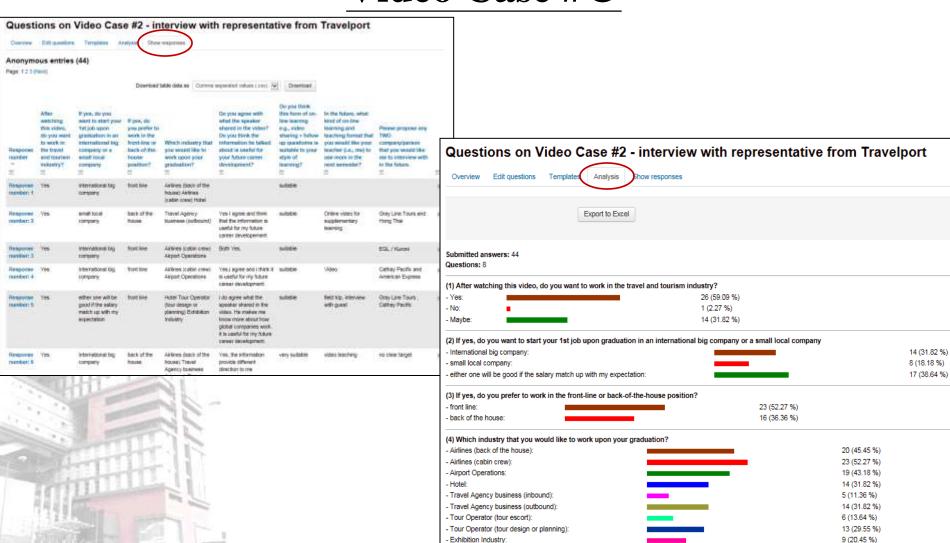








Video Case #2



GDS company:

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Video Case #3









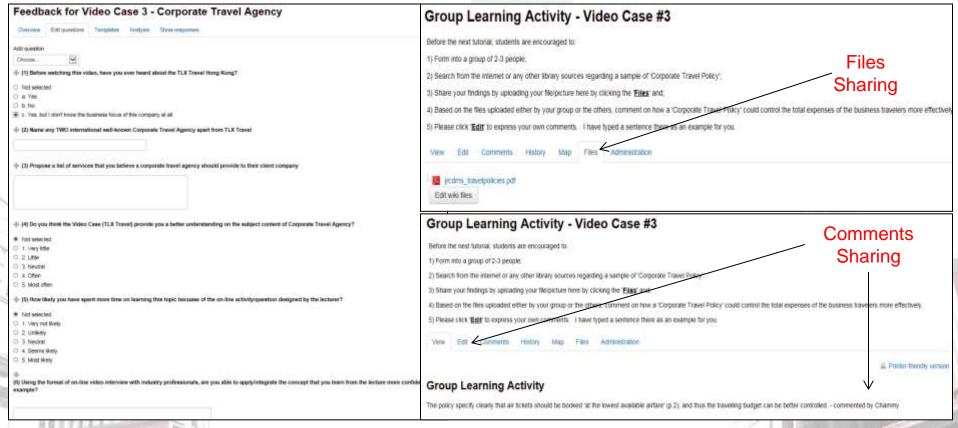
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Feedback for Video Case #3



Wiki Group Learning Activity - Video Case #3

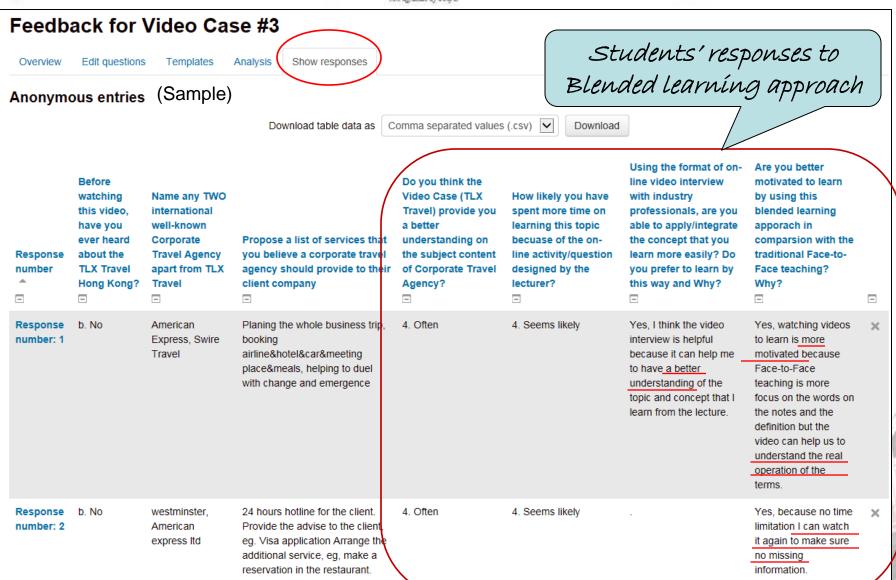


















Effectiveness of Blended learning

- Better engagement in learning (e.g., spend more time)
- Better understanding (e.g., in addition to text)
- Better application of knowledge/concepts (e.g., real case/examples)
- More motivated to learn
- Reflection & Metacognition









3 Phases of my research

Phase 1 : Experiential (My own observation + Students' feedback)

Phase 2 : Educator's perspectives (Constraints vs Learning outcomes measurement)

Phase 3: Industry partners' perspectives (Levels of collaboration vs Constraints)







Research Significance

- Theoretically: this study will provide empirical evidence about THS students' perceptions towards the blended learning approach proposed by TPACK.
- Pragmatically: the results of this study could provide a holistic understanding of or grounds for future research on blended learning in the higher education sector in Hong Kong.







List of References

~ Upon request ~

Thank you

